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Mr. Barry J. Plunkett III became Counsel to the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) in September 2001. As NAVSUP Counsel, Mr. Plunkett manages a legal staff of over 50 attorneys, who are responsible for all legal services throughout the NAVSUP claimancy and for procurement of legal services provided to the Navy Field Contracting System. Mr. Plunkett provides legal advice to his clients on a wide range of subjects, including acquisition, strategic sourcing, personnel, environmental requirements, fiscal matters, ethics, and standards of conduct.

Mr. Plunkett began his Federal career with the Navy Office of the General Counsel in 1979, with an assignment to the Office of Counsel to the Navy Comptroller, providing advice on fiscal law and representing the Navy before the United States Bankruptcy Courts. In 1984, Mr. Plunkett joined the Office of Counsel to the Naval Air Systems Command, where he practiced the law of government contracts and federal employment in support of aircraft and missile programs. He transferred to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in 1986, becoming Associate Counsel for Space and Sensor Systems and managing the legal services provided to several of the Command's major acquisition programs, including the Navy's satellite and ocean surveillance programs.

Mr. Plunkett was selected as the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Research, Development and Acquisition, one of the Navy's senior acquisition attorneys, in 1994. In that capacity, he provided legal advice and services to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, the Navy's Acquisition Executive and Senior Procurement Executive.

Mr. Plunkett received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and government from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1976. He received a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from the Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Va., in 1979. Mr. Plunkett was selected for the Senior Executive Service in November 2000. He has received the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service award.

